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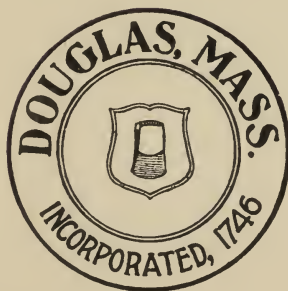
TOWN OF DOUGLAS



Year Ending

MARCH 1, 1908.

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WARRANT

FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March current, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a town agent, six constables, a tax collector, an agent and three appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three fence and three bridge viewers, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the Public Library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for term of three years, also elect one selectman for term of two years to fill vacancy, and to vote Yes or No on the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town the ensuing year.

ART. 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of Superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, and other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and townways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

ART. 6. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the fire company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by law:—Art. 5, Sec. 1. After the first of May, 1908, no person shall engage in business of purchasing, selling or bartering junk, old metals or second hand articles in Douglas without being licensed by the selectmen. Sec. 2. The selectmen shall annually license one or more suitable persons to carry on said business of junk dealer in said Town imposing such fee therefor as they may determine.

ART. 11. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Douglas Electric Co. for street lighting the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R. for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, of the Revised Laws.

ART. 15. To see what salary the town will pay its Tax Collector the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 18. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 21. To see if the town will instruct its Collector of Taxes to sell the George Walling estate now in its possession for taxes, at public auction, and authorize him to give a quit claim deed thereof in the name of said inhabitants of Douglas.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to build or construct a system of water works for domestic and fire purposes, or do anything or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to alter or enlarge the drain from T. W. S. Ritchie's line across the road connecting with drain, providing said Ritchie pay half the cost, or do anything in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise or appropriate one hundred dollars for the dedication of soldiers' monument.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the repair and building of bridges.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate three thousand dollars on the highways under the supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to sell its stone crusher or do anything in relation to the same.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

W. S. SCHUSTER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Douglas.</i>
W. L. CHURCH,		

Report of the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen herein submit the report of the various town officers for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1908. The Board has drawn orders on the town treasurer amounting to \$21,437.29 for the following purposes:

Highways	\$1,836 57
Snow roads	13 15
Support of poor	1,000 00
Fire Company	327 75
Schools	8,269 80
School Physician	50 00
Sidewalks, P. Converse	2 75
Grading school house lot, Kenyon	40 90
Douglas Electric Co.	998 14
S. S. Post, G. A. R.	150 00
Repair stone road with trap rock	57 47
Douglas town cemetery	100 00
Monument at Douglas town	200 00
Election expenses	92 25
Town clerk	83 13
Burial of Indigent Soldier, Wellington Dore	35 00
Railing highway	8 78
Cattle inspection, W. E. Cook	49 78
Meat inspection, W. E. Cook	22 80

BRIDGES.

Cemetery street, W. R. Wallis, lumber, etc.	\$65 87	
W. E. Balcome	8 34	
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GILBOA.

W. R. Wallis, material	\$363 26	
W. E. Balcome	82 06	
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	\$445 32	
Credit town of Uxbridge	147 11	
	<hr/>	\$298 21

LOVETT.

W. R. Wallis, material	\$ 476 69	
Waldo Bros., cement.....	141 31	
Freight.....	32 30	
R. Bruley.....	1,587 46	
W. E. Balcome.....	98 64	
	<hr/>	\$2,336 40
Schuster Woolen Co., repairing lower bridge	4 75	
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Total		\$2,713 57

SUPPRESSING ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR.

Charles Labree	\$25 00	
E. P. Heath.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

FIRE WARDENS.

Frank A. Read	\$ 19 05
W. S. Jillson, Dike fire.....	40 00
W. S. Jillson, Douglas woods...	224 25
W. L. Church.....	71 40
Manchaug Co	94 40

B. F. King.....	\$ 26 20	
U. I. Peters.....	424 40	
W. E. Schuster.....	217 25	
W. R. Wallis.....	386 90	
Am. Axe and Tool Co.....	17 05	
T. W. S. Ritchie, victuāls.....	40 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,560 90

ASSESSORS.

C. H. Batcheller.....	\$114 30	
Wm. Manahan.....	36 25	
L. J. Marsh.....	45 00	
Canvassing town.....	10 00	
Books and blanks.....	11 10	
Clerk's time.....	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$230 15

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

F. Bowen.....	\$15 60	
Dr. Couillard.....	24 00	
Dr. Clark.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$43 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry Tetu, janitor town hall and engine hall, two years.....	\$ 60 00	
W. H. Herendeen, burial mad dog.....	2 00	
Dr. Holbrook, return births 1906 & 1907.....	5 00	
Worcester County Truant School, board, Roberts.....	47 74	
Eagle Printing Co.....	103 75	
Hall, auditing.....	47 31	
Dr. Couillard, reporting births.....	2 25	
W. R. Wallis, grading sticks.....	1 80	
Mosler Safe Co., safe, town clerk.....	122 50	

E. L. Williams, moving safe	\$ 1 00
C. S. Goodness, labor on flag pole	1 50
Freight on safe and cement	4 65
Tax books for collector	2 50
Officers, Fourth of July	7 50
W. Manahan, dog officer	10 00
L. H. Cunliff, valve box for watering trough	3 45
C. J. Batcheller, ink for tress	7 50
F. Bowen, reporting 38 deaths	9 50
Allen Vickers, share of Walling estate	14 51
Freddie Vickers, share of Walling estate . . .	14 51
W. L. Church, express	7 00
Dr. Clark, reporting births	3 50
James Mason, care of watering trough	5 00
Freight on snow plow	4 80
H. N. Logee, work on scraper and valve box	6 50
Est. Geo. Abbott, postal cards and en- velopes for collector	8 74
Dr. Ela, reporting births	3 25
W. E. Hayward & Co., work on trees	12 00

\$519 76

STATE AID.

Wellington H. Balcome	\$72 00
Charles H. Barton	48 00
Elmer H. Balcome	24 00
Horace Belding	48 00
Wm. H. Cook	48 00
Wellington Dore	57 00
Charles E. Green	48 00
Christopher Gazette	48 00
Wm. H. Marshall	48 00
John P. Otis	36 00
Joseph Quinn	48 00
Simeon H. Staples	36 00

Chandler Titus	\$48 00	
Leander Thompson	48 00	
Charles A. Whipple	48 00	
Dorris B. Young	48 00	
Elisha McKenney	48 00	
Wm. E. Chase	48 00	
Mrs. Wm. E. Chase	24 00	
Mrs. Charles A. Whipple	48 00	
Joseph Arnold	38 00	
Dighton Goddard	54 00	
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SOLDIERS' AND WIDOWS' RELIEF.

Mrs. Gould	\$40 00	
Wellington Balcome	24 00	
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SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

C. Mercier, Registrar	\$ 15 00	
F. Bowen, Board of Health	15 00	
Tax Collector, 1906	150 00	
Selectmen	80 41	
Overseers of Poor	150 00	
Treasurer	75 00	
S. S. Committee	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$535 41

W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer.

1907.		CR.
Mar.12	Henry D. Mowry, overseer of poor	\$37 75
Apr. 1	Selectmen's orders, 326 to 336	1,335 13
3	Charles Labree, constable, court money	44 42
May 6	Selectmen's orders, 337 to 351	1,882 40
June 1	Collecting check	10
	State, $\frac{1}{4}$ druggist license	25
3	Selectmen's orders, 352 to 362	1,954 71
12	Henry D. Mowry, money received by state	24 20
July 1	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff, court money	41 54
	Charles Labree, constable, " "	38 94
	E. P. Heath, collector, 1906 abatements	32 47
	Selectmen's orders, 363 to 375	1,737 94
Sept. 3	Selectmen's orders, 376 to 395	2,402 12
Oct. 7	Charles Labree, constable, court money	20 94
	Edward A. Brown, treasurer, $\frac{1}{2}$ county tax	662 00
	Selectmen's orders, 396 to 406	1,136 65
	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff, court money	7 09
	Will Manahan, constable, court money	5 14
31	W. H. Herendeen, care of cemetery and re- pairing stone. This fund is in trust, Henry Whiting fund	10 00

Nov. 4	Selectmen's orders, 407 to 414.....	\$1,694 12
15	State treasurer, state tax.....	1,480 00
	“ “ repair of highways.....	6 02
Dec. 2	Selectmen's orders, 415 to 428.....	2,238 83
	Edward A. Brown, balance of county tax...	662 00

1908.

Jan. 1	E. P. Heath, deputy sheriff, court money...	16 54
	Charles Labree, constable, “ “ ...	10 24
6	International Trust Co., school house note, No. 10.....	1,000 00
	International Trust Co., interest on 6 notes.	240 00
	Selectmen's orders, 429 to 441.....	2,604 82
Feb. 1	Collecting check.....	10
3	Selectmen's orders, 442 to 445.....	1,154 09
29	Selectmen's orders, 446 to 466..	2,183 02
	Library orders, 52 to 86, inclusive	659 60
	E. P. Heath, collector, discount on taxes...	320 13
	“ “ town tax....	38 83
	“ “ abatements....	77 01
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		\$25,759 14

1908.

Mar. 1	By cash in hands of treasurer.....	5,946 30
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		\$31,705 44

Cash in bank, James Smith Mon-

ument Fund.... \$3,131 50

Interest..... 54 80

3,186 30

\$34,891 74

1907.

DR.

Mar. 1	Cash on hand.....	\$6,365 14
	A. A. Putnam, court money.....	4 34
	National Shawmut Bank, interest for March	9 64
Apr. 1	Fire damages, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co..	30 65

Apr. 22	Henry Stoughton Hewett, special license, peddler, less amount taxes.	\$ 6 42
May 1	Interest for April	9 55
6	Adams Express Co., license.	1 00
	Auctioneer's license, W. H. Herendeen.	2 00
	Inn holders license, Jos. T. Derham	1 00
8	Amos Goodness, 3 pool tables, 1 billiard.	20 00
	E. P. Heath, auctioneer's license.	2 00
11	Napoleon Bonville, 1 pool table	5 00
June 1	Interest for May.	9 78
3	State treasurer, support of sick paupers.	23 00
	" " transportation of sick pau- pers	24 20
4	J. H. Seder, peddlers license.	8 00
12	Druggist's license.	1 00
July 1	Interest for June.	6 00
	A. A. Putnam, justice, court money	87 17
	E. P. Heath, tax collector, taxes.	221 45
23	" collector, No. 1, 1907 taxes.	1,550 00
25	" " " 2, " "	1,550 00
27	" " " 3, " "	3,900 00
31	" " " 4, " "	2,300 00
Aug. 2	" " " 5, " "	4,520 00
	Interest for July	3 93
5	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 6, 1907 taxes.	300 00
10	" " " 7, " "	800 00
14	Foresters, rent of town hall to April 1, 1907	60 00
19	State treasurer, inspection of animals	24 00
20	Ameen Forzley, peddlers license.	8 00
26	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 8, 1907 taxes.	775 00
Sept. 3	" " " 9, " "	300 00
	Interest for August.	23 97
	Credit W. R. Wallis.	6 07
21	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 10, 1907 taxes.	600 00
Oct. 1	Interest for September.	24 92
	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 11, 1907 taxes.	400 00
	A. A. Putnam, justice, court money.	11 35
	Rent of town hall, Catholic whist party.	2 00

Oct. 3	R. H. Chamberlain, county sheriff, P. Gardiner.....	\$ 10 00
8	L. S. Aldrich, Uxbridge, check for the town share of money from state for school superintendent.....	500 00
23	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 12, 1907 tax ...	600 00
	Henry Whiting Fund, interest drawn for repairing cemetery lot	10 00
Nov. 1	Interest for October	24 82
2	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 13, 1907 taxes..	975 00
8	E. B. Knapp, auctioneer's license..	2 00
15	Arthur Chapin, state treasurer, corporation tax	818 67
	National bank tax	204 87
	Burial of soldiers.....	35 00
	State aid.....	861 00
19	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 14, 1907 taxes..	200 00
21	Rent town hall, Catholic church whist party.	2 00
	Emel Rein, old lumber from bridge	4 00
26	B. C. Seder, peddlers license.....	8 00
Dec. 1	Interest for November	22 82
6	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 15, 1907 taxes..	470 00
31	A. A. Putnam, justice, court money.....	93 96
1908.		
Jan. 1	Edward A. Brown, county treasurer, dog tax	289 97
	Received from town of Uxbridge, $\frac{1}{3}$ of total cost of repairing Gilboa bridge	147 11
	Interest for deposit, December	20 69
2	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 16, 1907 taxes..	261 00
28	State treasurer, money returned for school fund	847 49
Feb. 1	Interest for January deposits.....	16 54
17	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 17, 1907 taxes..	474 53
22	Rent town hall	2 00
29	State treasurer, corporation tax.....	3 92
	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 18, 1907 taxes..	429 48
	“ “ town tax	38 83

Feb. 29.	E. P. Heath, collector, abatements	\$ 77 01
	“ “ discount on taxes	320 13
	Interest on deposits for February	15 82
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		\$31,760 24

1907.

Apr. 15	James Smith Monument Fund	3,131 50
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		\$34,891 74

In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	\$100 00
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ASSETS.

Cash on hand	\$5,946 30
Due from Foresters, rent of hall, April 1, 1908	60 00
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896	20 31
“ “ “ 1897	145 67
“ “ “ 1899	229 90
“ “ “ 1900	254 22
“ “ “ 1901	95 07
Due from E. P. Heath, collector, 1907	786 59
Due from state for state aid	1,016 00
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	\$8,554 06

LIABILITIES.

Five school house notes	\$5,000 00
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WALTER E. SCHUSTER,

Town Treasurer.

East Douglas, Mass., March 2, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for the year ending February 29, 1908, and find them to be correct.

The Treasurer's cash balance of \$9,132.60 is accounted for as follows : .

On deposit in National Shawmut Bank of Boston :

Town funds.....	\$5,433 74
Smith Monument Fund	3,186 30
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Total on deposit.....	\$8,620 04
Checks undeposited.....	141 71
Cash on hand	370 85
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Total cash on hand and in bank.....	\$9,132 60

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, *Auditor.*

Per A. T. Byrnes.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1907.

BIRTHS.

Whole number		60
Number of males	25	
Number of females	35	
	—	60
American parentage	17	
Foreign parentage	32	
Mixed parentage	11	
	—	60

MARRIAGES.

Whole number		35
American birth	34	
Foreign birth	36	
Residents of Douglas	59	
Elsewhere	11	
First marriage	66	
Second marriage	4	

DEATHS.

Whole number		57
Males	24	
Females	33	

American birth	44	
Foreign birth.....	13	
	—	57

Number under 1 year.....	12	
Between 1 and 5.....	4	
“ 5 and 10.....	1	
“ 10 and 20.....	2	
“ 20 and 30.....	6	
“ 30 and 40.....	4	
“ 40 and 50.....	4	
“ 50 and 60.....	5	
“ 60 and 70.....	4	
“ 70 and 80.....	5	
“ 80 and 90.....	10	
“ 90 and 100.....	0	
	—	57

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number	166	
Males, 157 at \$2.00.....	\$314 00	
Females, 9 at \$5.00.....	45 00	
	—————	\$359 01
Less fees, (166 at 20 cts.)... ..		33 20
		—————
Paid to County Treasurer.....		\$325 80

ERWIN E. CARPENTER,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF

Simon Fairfield Public Library

1907.

DR.

Mar. 1	Balance due from town	\$145 44
	Balance income, Smith fund ..	120 00
	Balance income, Fairfield fund	69 27
	Total balance in favor of Library	\$334 71

Income for year as follows:—

Town appropriation	\$400 00
Dog fund	289 97
Interest Keith fund	21 89
Interest Smith fund	240 00
Interest Fairfield fund	175 00
Fines	10 68
Total Income	1137 54
	\$1472 25

1907.

CR.

Mar. 10	Paid A. F. Jones, wood	\$11 00
12	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries . .	20 15
20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
April 9	" Books	150 17
10	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries . .	20 35
20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
	" Magazines	24 95
22	" Library Cards	4 00
May 7	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
16	" Newspapers	5 60
20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
June 4	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries . . .	20 65
20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
	" Cutting Wood	1 25
July 2	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
19	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
30	" Frank E. Jones, coal	15 00
	" Douglas Electric Co., lights	25 12
	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 85
Aug. 20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
Sept. 7	" Martha Belding, substitute librarian . . .	25 85
20	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
Oct. 3	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
6	" Estate A. J. Thayer, team grading	3 50
8	" History	2 25
9	" Book labels	3 25
20	" Cleaning library	8 00
	" Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
21	" Express	40
	" Stoddard's newspaper bill	3 05
	" H. C. Holden, newspapers	7 50
31	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries . . .	20 16
Nov. 20	" Bert Hughes, janitor, sundries	7 00
27	" Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries . . .	20 15
Dec. 20	" Bert Hughes, Janitor	5 00
26	" Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00

1908.	Paid cartage of steam heater	\$2 85
Jan. 11	“ Frank E. Jones, coal	82 50
	“ Newspapers	3 81
	“ Bookbinding	83 35
	“ Electric lights	41 98
23	“ Vera H. Warner, librarian, express	20 35
24	“ Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
30	“ Books	109 89
Feb. 20	“ Vera H. Warner, librarian, sundries	20 25
	“ Bert Hughes, janitor	5 00
29	“ Frank E. Jones, coal	31 00
	“ Douglas Electric Co.	22 26
	“ Removing Registers and closing floor . . .	5 25
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		\$978 69

1908.

Mar. 1. Unexpended Balances as follows:—

Due from the town	\$175 81	
Smith fund	176 43	
Fairfield fund	141 32	
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		\$1,472 25

In accordance with the announcement in the last annual report, the trustees have placed in the building a complete, and highly satisfactory steam heating plant, making it thoroughly comfortable in the most extreme weather. The trustees expected to meet this expense by suspending book additions, etc., but Mr. James Fairfield, of Boston, the donor of the library, and its repeated benefactor, came forward and insisted on paying the full cost. The entrance to the library, steps and walk, which have never been satisfactory to Mr. Fairfield, have been removed and rebuilt at his own expense, giving results in accord with the fine building.

The library has passed a most successful year. The new rule of the often addition of books, keeping it up to date, is proving a great success.

We are indebted to Mr. Henry Capron, of Uxbridge, for the presentation of a large number of valuable books.

1907.

Oct. 21	Received of James Fairfield . . .	\$585 00	
	Paid Foster Heating Co., steam plant		\$585 00

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith	\$ 200 00	
James Fairfield	5000 00	
James Smith	6000 00	
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		\$11,200 00

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF POOR

FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1908.

ORSON M. Chase, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory

March 1, 1907	\$2,125 02
March 1, 1908	2131 50
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Increase	\$6 48

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

1907.	DR.	Apr. 1		
Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$19 25	16½ bushel potatoes	\$12 50
	10 bushel potatoes	7 95	29 qts. milk	1 47
	6 qts. milk	30	Eggs	25
	4 dozen eggs	1 10	1 sink	1 00
	20 lbs. butter	6 00	Lead pipe	36
			Calf	6 50

Apr. 1	2 hogs, 336 lbs. at 8c. a lb.	\$26 88	Aug. 1	Squash	\$ 10
	2 livers	50		Potatoes	38
	Cream	5	Sept. 1	43 lbs. butter	12 70
	2 fowl	70		Cream	40
	2 hogs, 376 lbs. at 9c. a lb.	33 84		10½ doz. eggs	3 62
	Labor with team	2 50		Fighting fire	60
	18½ lbs. butter	5 48		Potatoes	2 90
May 1	18 qts. milk	92		Labor with team	1 00
	12 bushel pota- toes	9 95		Milk	05
	Butter	30	Oct. 1	45 lbs. butter	14 10
	Eggs	1 29		Cream	35
	Labor with team	6 80		Labor with team	1 50
	Calf	8 00		Eggs	38
		4 13		Fowls	3 35
June 1	16½ lbs. butter	4 13	Nov. 1	33½ lbs. butter	10 72
	Rake teeth	1 00		Milk	10
	20 qts. milk	98		2 hogs, 546 lbs. at 10c. a lb.	54 60
	Eggs	8 13		1 liver	25
	Potatoes	90		Squash	1 80
	Cream	60	Dec. 1	46 lbs. butter	14 72
	Corn	3 50		Milk	10
	Hay	25		2 lbs. sausage	30
	Fowl	48		Dinners	50
	Labor with team	1 55		Vinegar	5
July 1	80 lbs. butter	20 54			
	Eggs	17 00	1908.		DR.
	Milk	1 91	Jan. 4	Board, Adras- tus Sherman	\$6 00
	Labor with team	95		Apples	2 20
	Beans	35		Potatoes	2 50
	Fowls	1 44		Turnips	75
	Beans	32		Dinner	25
	Pork	18		Butter	9 92
	Cream	40		Fowls	4 00
	Cash	3 00		Cream	20
	Cow	27 00	Feb.	Milk & Cream	1 95
Aug. 1	73½ lbs. butter	20 20		Butter	2 24
	30½ doz. eggs	8 81		Dinner	25
	27 qts. milk	1 32		Labor with team	50
	Labor with team	1 50		Fowls	90
	Fowls	4 21			
	Fowls	4 55			
	Cream	70			
					\$446 02

1907.		CR.		
Mar. 13	Trace	\$ 25	June 7	Medicine,
	Saw	15		Ellen Leach \$ 25
26	John Condon			Shoeing horses 1 40
	cash	6 35		John Condon,
29	T. J. Murphy	5 94		cash 5 14
Apr. 1	Medicine,			Frank Young,
	Ellen Leach	85		cash 2 18
	Tea-kettle	1 25		T. J. Murphy,
4	Killing hogs	2 00		cash 2 59
10	Medicine,			Strawberries 30
	Ellen Leach	50		Labor 13 70
12	4 pigs	12 00	July 1	Medicine,
	Clothing,			Ellen Leach 63
	Ellen Leach	1 00		Pastry 50
17	Killing hogs	1 50		Camphor 25
20	Shoeing horse	1 40		John Condon,
	Labor	7 50		cash 5 24
27	2 bushels			T. J. Murphy,
	potatoes	1 60		cash 2 88
May 1	Labor	17 25		Frank Young,
	Shoes, Ellen			cash 2 20
	Leach	1 25		Labor 37 15
	John Condon,		Aug. 1	Clothing for
	Cash	3 12		Ellen Leach 50
	T. J. Murphy,			Nails 4
	Cash	3 46		Shoeing horses 1 90
	1 plough-point	50		Medicine,
	1 ton fertilizer	32 00		Ellen Leach 65
	Medicine,			Cow 55 00
	Ellen Leach	75		George Gleason 80
	Clothing,			S. C. Smith 1 50
	Ellen Leach	50		H. Logee 40
	John Condon,			T. J. Murphy,
	cash	2 34		cash 2 81
	T. J. Murphy,			John Condon,
	cash	4 33		cash 2 74
	Camphor	25		W. Scribner 15
	H. N. Logee	1 00		Labor 9 91
	Milk pail	50	Sept. 1	Medicine,
June 7	Corn-planter	1 50		Ellen Leach 1 00
	Bread	7		Clothing,
	1 doz. tomato			Ellen Leach 77
	plants	25		Frank Young,
				cash 1 48

	T. J. Murphy,		J. W. Wixtead,	
	cash	2 83	cash	15 00
	Ralph Dudley	1 00	John Condon,	
	Clothing,		cash	1 54
	Ellen Leach	57	T. J. Murphy,	
	Shoeing horse	55	cash	3 90
Oct. 1	Lime	20	Fred Parks,	
	Clothing,		labor	50
	Ellen Leach	60	Feb. 1 Labor on ice	10 80
	T. Murphy,		John Condon,	
	cash	2 91	cash	82
	John Condon,		T. J. Murphy,	
	cash	6 66	cash	2 13
	E. N. Jenckes,		E. N. Jenckes,	
	on account	10 00	cash	5 00
	Labor	55		
Nov. 1	Clothing,			<hr/>
	Ellen Leach	2 95		\$419 35
	Killing hogs	1 50		
	J. W. Wixtead,			
	cash	15 00		
	E. N. Jenckes,			
	cash	15 00	Mar. 1 Cash in hands	
	4 pigs	20 00	Supt.	26 67
	Lime	20	Bills receivable,	
	John Condon,		from Wm. H.	
	cash	3 57	Emerson, con-	
	T. Murphy,		servative for	
	cash	3 32	Ellen Leach,	
Dec. 1	Killing hogs	75	from Jan. 5,	
	Labor	45		
	Hardware	57		
	Labor	3 45	1907, to Jan. 4,	
	Frank Young,		1908	147 27
	cash	1 45	From Jan. 4,	
	John Condon,		to Mar. 1, 1908	22 77
	cash	1 45	Frank Amidon,	
			1906	5 00
1908.				
Jan. 1	Making cider	94		
	Clothing,			
	Ellen Leach	52		
	S. P. Holbrook	2 25		
	E. N. Jenckes,			
	cash	15 00		

The Overseers have paid the following bills on almshouse account:

1907.

Apr. 1	Levi Brown, salary in full	\$75 00
8	Furniture	25 00
May 9	W. R. Wallis, labor and pipe	10 45
July 6	O. M. Chase, salary to July 1	75 00
29	W. A. Scribner, butter carriers	5 50
Oct. 5	O. M. Chase, salary to Oct. 1	75 00
10	Almshouse register	3 30
	O. M. Chase, salary to Jan. 1	75 00

1908.

Jan. 6	Fire extinguisher	9 50
Feb. 29	James Wixtead	44 48
	E. N. Jenckes	60 92

\$459 15

PAINTING ALMSHOUSE.

W. R. Wallis, lead and oil	\$48 00
Frank Smith, labor	45 25

\$93 25

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report	\$419 35
Overseers have paid out as per report	459 15

\$878 50

Superintendent, for labor, produce and board	446 02
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\$432 48

Increase as per inventory	6 48
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Cost of support of poor at almshouse for this year . . .	\$426 00
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Number of weeks board of poor, 58.

Cost per week, about \$7.00.

Inmates at almshouse, March 1. 1908.

Joseph Jenny, age 84; Adrastus Sherman, age 69.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Sylvia Wakefield	\$60 00	
Mrs. Margaret Duprey	48 00	
Mrs. George Casey	66 00	
Mrs. Ella Jennier	12 00	
Mrs. Delia St. John	20 00	
Mrs. James Quinn	38 00	
Steney Bigos	126 92	
Mary Murry	5 00	
Minnie Cloutar	11 70	
Dennis Murry	3 00	
Mrs. Joseph Rivers	60 00	
Mrs. Frank E. Smith	7 61	
	<hr/>	\$458 23
Poor of Milford, Adrastus Sherman	\$2 75	
Poor of Fall River, Catharine Bochie	\$6 75	
Poor of Fall River, Frederick Bochie	\$6 75	

STATE POOR.

Mrs. Adolph Gardner	\$13 00	
Mrs. Catherine Lopatoska	2 75	
Edward Seydan	18 00	
Mike Ricci	6 90	
	<hr/>	\$40 65
Due from state, Mrs. Gardner	\$13 00	
“ “ “ C. Lopatoska	2 75	
“ “ “ E. Seydan	18 00	
“ “ “ M. Ricci	6 90	
	<hr/>	\$40 65
Due from state, 1906, Frank Rebar	\$15 00	
Due from Sutton, 1906, Mrs. Milton Humes	\$82 97	

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

William Herendeen, care of lock- up to Sept. 1	\$20 00
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Feb. 29	William Herendeen, care of lock- up to March 1	\$12 50	
		<hr/>	\$32 50
Number of tramps for year, 0.			

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

1907.			
Mar. 8	J. W. Wixtead, one book	\$ 40	
Apr. 5	Stamps	1 00	
June 22	Telephone to Worcester	15	
Aug. 12	Expense to Thompson	2 50	
17	“ “ Boston	2 50	
	“ “ Ware	3 68	
Oct. 10	Harris Smith	2 00	
28	Stamps	1 00	
31	Expense to Webster	2 00	
1908.			
Jan. 6	Expense to Boston	2 50	
17	John Hunter, aid	2 00	
	Expense to Webster	75	
	Advertising	25	
		<hr/>	\$20 68

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1907.			
Mar.	Cash on hand	\$ 70	
	Received from Town Treasurer	1,100 00	
	“ “ State	61 95	
	“ “ Milford	2 75	
		<hr/>	\$1,165 40

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse	\$459 15
Outside poor	458 23
State poor	40 65
Poor of Milford	2 75
Poor of Fall River	13 50

Lock-up.....	\$32 50	
Miscellaneous	20 68	
Due from State	40 65	
Repairs on almshouse	93 25	
Cash on hand	4 04	
	<hr/>	\$1,165 40

The Overseers have received for their services :

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
E. T. Rawson.....	25 00
Orlan F. Chase	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY	} <i>Overseers</i>
E. T. RAWSON.	
ORLAN F. CHASE,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

I have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

D. P. WOOD, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent

ON THE

Devise of Moses Wallis

TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1908.

The Agent has charged himself with amounts due the town March 1, 1908, as follows:

Notes due the town.....	\$5,388 72	
Accrued interest on notes	267 23	
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust		
Co. and interest... ..	25,007 50	
Cash in hands of Agent... ..	60 50	
		<u>\$30,723 95</u>

1907.

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$60 50
	Maria C. Wood	6 00
	A. F. Brown... ..	530 00
Apr. 1	Mary A. Reynolds	15 00
13	John Valior	18 00
Sept.14	E. M. Southwick.....	30 00
Oct. 1	Mary A. Reynolds.....	6 00
Nov.26	Vesta H. Balcome.....	7 50

Dec. 9	Potter M. Bates	\$ 9 00	
1908.			
Jan. 7	Frank Duval	25 00	
22	Maria C. Wood	6 00	
Feb. 10	Joel Glover	24 00	
27	Phebe Young	35 00	
28	Joseph T. Arnold	12 00	
29	C. F. Rawson	12 00	
	John D. Darling	65 00	
	David and Amos Lunn	30 00	
			\$891 00

The Agent has paid out as follows :

1907.			
Mar. 23	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi- tal Trust Co.	\$596 25	
	Discharge of mortgage	25	
1908.			
Feb. 29	Agent care of Devise	75 00	
			\$671 50

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1908.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal
Joseph T. Arnold	Arthur L. Putnam		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H. Baton	\$ 6 00	100 00
Emma J. Brown		31 13	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome	Wellington Balcome	3 64	125 00
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	3 35	150 00
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey, admr.	33 00	500 00
Frank Duval		15 52	125 00
Frank Duval		26 65	300 00
John D. Darling	Rosmond Rickard		32 55
Joel Glover	Sarah Duffo	2 30	200 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	10 33	500 00
Charles F. Rawson		21 30	200 00

Maker of Note	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal
Mary A. Reynolds		\$2 30	\$100 00
Mary A. Reynolds		9 30	250 00
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	17 00	500 00
Susan V. Thayer		53 42	500 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	18 45	300 00
Maria C. Wood		4 75	100 00
Phebe Young		35 75	500 00
		<hr/> \$294 19	<hr/> \$4,832 55

RECAPITULATION.

1907.

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$60 50	
	Cash received during year.....	830 50	
		<hr/>	\$891 00
	Cash paid out during year....	\$75 25	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co...	596 25	
	Cash in hands of Agent	219 50	
		<hr/>	\$891 00

1908.

Mar. 1	Notes due the town	\$4,832 55	
	Accrued interest.....	294 19	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.		
	and interest to date.....	26,639 99	
	Cash in hands of Agent.....	219 50	
		<hr/>	\$31,986 83
	Value of Devises March 1, 1907.....		30,723 95
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	Net gain for the year.....		\$1,262 28

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

Audited accounts and securities and found correct.

D. P. WOOD, *Auditor.*

Report of Tax Collector.

FOR 1907.

Douglas, March 2d, 1908.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1907 committed to me the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of..... \$21,627 57

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer in cash, discounts and abatements the sum of..... 20,840 98

	\$786 59
Cash collected since March 1, 1908.....	61 67

Leaving balance uncollected to March 1, 1908...	\$724 92
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Interest collected on taxes to March 1, 1908....	\$18 64
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By vote of the town March 1902, the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed in the town report, and are as follows :

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS FOR 1907.

Bertrand F. Aldrich..	\$396 70	NON-RESIDENTS.	
George W. Belanger....	2 50		
John Bombara.....	2 00	Mrs. Delia J. Payne....	\$10 02
Alfred A. Casey.	3 67	Mrs. I. T. Johnson.....	5 01
John Carlson	2 00	Mrs. H. D. Stoddard ..	7 52
Jennie L. Chase.....	39 66	Mrs. Belle Turner, guard-	
Richard J. Dermody...	2 00	ian G. H. Kelley.	38 91
Warren H. Fletcher ...	2 00	Estate J. H. Leavett ...	2 09
Ovilla Gendron.....	3 34	Edgar S. Hill	5 85
Chas. H. Hilton	2 00	Frank Lambert	16 70
Mrs. Chas. H. Hilton..	84	Dr. E. V. Granger	1 67
Arthur H. Holbrook...	2 00	Mrs. Chas. Whitcomb...	3 34
Mrs. W. L. Humphrey..	8 52	Levi Holt or Est. Mary	
Henry Howard.....	2 00	Holt.....	6 68
William H. Lane	6 17	Milton Humes.....	9 76
Mary Landry.....	7 52	F. F. Sibley	2 52
Mary J. Murphy	8 35	Heirs Anan Richardson	15 03
Lewis Normandeau....	7 03	Jerry Dunleavy	13 86
Daniel Rodgers	7 51	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley ..	9 19
Estate Mary A. Rodgers	2 09	Joseph P. Love	2 77
Est. Mrs. Lovell South-		James McMullen	1 25
wick.....	19 21	Barr Bros.....	5 01
Heirs Willis W. Sherman	2 52	Willis W. and Lucius	
Fred H. Thompson....	7 01	Sherman.....	6 26
Estate Mrs. E. E. Thomp-			
son	3 34		

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are : Surveyors, 20c; 2 horses on cart, 20c; 1 horse on cart, 12½c; 2 horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men 15c, boys 12½c; man driving scraper 17½c.

PAUL D. MANNING, District No. 1.

Charles Chruch, 140 h	\$21 00	Fred Parks, 90 h	\$13 50
O. L. Sleeper, 90 h	13 50	Mrs. Julia Palmer, 54	
Raymond Dudley, 72 h	10 80	loads gravel	2 70
Driving scraper, 60 h	10 50	W. L. Church, 30 h	4 50
Two horses, 49 h	9 80	Joseph Reynolds, 20 h	3 00
Two horses on scraper, 60 h	18 00	Joseph Richardson, 90	
Phil Manning, 81 h	12 15	loads gravel	4 50
Alphonso Chase, 70 h	10 50	Arthur Putnam, 69 loads	
Charlie Scardia, 5 h	75	gravel	3 45
William Jilson, 3 h	45	Ralph Dudley, 1 pair	
Richard Joguson, 2 h	30	horses, 20 h	4 00
John Daley, 99 h	14 85	Paul D. Manning, 235 h	47 00
Guilford Dudley, 60 h	9 00	Two horses, 172 h	34 40
Harry Dudley, 25 h	3 75	Two horses on scraper, 60 h	18 00
Gustavus Dudley, 3 h	45	H. N. Logee, sharpening tools	30
Two horses, 40 h	8 00	E. N. Jenckes, 3 shovels	1 70
33 loads gravel	1 65		
Lawson Putnam, 10 h	1 50		
Claramond Chase, 5 h	75		
			<hr/> \$284 70

District No. 1.

Cyrus Sweet, \$1 56

U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

U. I. Peters, 207 h	\$41 40	N. Dancause, 12 h	\$ 1 80
Team, 158 h	31 60	C. Church, 40 h	6 00
C. Dudley, 15 h	2 25	H. Dancause, team, 5 h	1 00
O. Roberts, 43 h	6 45	O. J. Peters, 14 h	2 10
H. Dancause, 108 h	16 20	6 horses on scraper,	
H. A. Peters, 139 h	20 85	20 h	18 00
H. A. Peters, 25 h	5 00	W. L. Church, 8 poles	2 00
A. Roberts, 140 h	21 00	W. R. Wallis, plank	
P. Dancause, 95 h	14 25	and spikes	12 16
A. Roberts, team 35 h	7 00	Repairing tools and	
P. Bryant, 45 h	6 75	supplies	11 14
J. Forget, 30 h	4 50		
V. Auger, 30 h	4 50		<u>\$235 95</u>

L. A. BUFFUM, District No. 3.

L. A. Buffum, 176 h	\$35 20	A. A. Metcalf, 20 loads	
One horse, 129 h	16 11	gravel	\$ 1 00
W. F. Young, 30 h	4 50	George Buffum, 37 loads	
Two horses, 86 h	17 20	gravel	1 85
D. A. E. Wallis, 16 h	2 40	L. A. Buffum, 129 loads	
Two horses, 16 h	3 20	gravel	6 45
William Brown, 66 h	9 90	Sharpening drills	16
George Buffum, 51 h	7 65	Dynamite caps and	
William Herendeen, 66 h	9 90	fuse	91
John Nelson, 91 h	13 65		
W. A. Sherman, 5 h	75		<u>\$130 83</u>

A. E. CHAPMAN, District No. 4.

A. E. Chapman and team	\$41 80	Irving Esty	\$14 25
O. F. Chase, team and		Mrs. L. E. Chase est.,	
men	13 00	62 loads gravel	3 10
Henry Chase and team	16 55	Myron Chase, 6 loads	
Myron Chase	9 00	gravel	30
Edrastus Chase and		Lumber and labor on	
team	12 55	bridge	40 95
A. L. Parker and team	19 65		
Frank Eddy	5 10		<u>\$176 25</u>

WILLIE JARVIS, District No. 5.

Willie Jarvis, 245 h	\$49 00	James McCulley, 40 h	\$ 6 00
Frank Jarvis, 245 h	36 75	Horses, 90 h	18 00
Willie Eldrich, 20 h	3 00		
Lewis Eldrich, 20 h	3 00		<u>\$115 75</u>

F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

F. J. Kenyon, 55 h	\$11 00	W. R. Wallis, one scythe	
2 horses, 55 h	11 00	and handle	\$1 55
Harry Lambert, 70 h	10 50	Mrs. Burlingame, 15	
Roy Kenyon, 148 h	22 20	loads gravel	75
Myron Chase, 30 h	4 50		
F. J. Kenyon, 40 h	8 00		\$130 15
1 horse, 40 h	4 00		
John Dolbeer, 60 h	9 00		
F. J. Kenyon, 30 h	6 00		
2 horses on scraper, 30 h	9 00		
Fred Parker driver on			
scraper, 30 h	5 25		
2 horses on scraper, 30 h	9 00		
Use of scraper	20		
F. J. Kenyon, 30 h	6 00		
1 horse, 30 h	3 00		
John Dolbeer, 30 h	4 50		
1 horse, 30 h	3 00		
W. S. Scribner, 1 hoe	45		
Charlie Maynard, 25			
loads gravel	1 25		

GRADING SCHOOLYARD.

F. J. Kenyon, 50 h	\$10 00
2 horses 50h	10 00
Harry Lambert, 50 h	7 50
Roy Kenyon, 50 h	7 50
Ralph Converse, 30 h	4 50
1 pick, D. A. Co.	1 00
Sharpening	
2 bars, Gleason	20
2 picks, Gleason	20
	\$40 90

W. E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

W. E. Carpenter, 237 h	\$47 40	John Roberts, 20 h	\$3 00
W. E. Carpenter, horse		John Roberts, 2 horses	
and cart, 175 h	21 87	on scraper, 20 h	6 00
W. E. Carpenter, 40		Henry Peters holding	
loads gravel	2 00	scraper, 20 h	4 00
O. Harvey, 249 h	37 35	John Bancroft, 20 h	3 00
St. Andre, 20 h	3 00	L. Normandin, 20 h	3 00
St. Andre, horse and		Robert Lunn, 10 h	1 50
cart, 20 h	2 50	Fred Lunn, 15 h	2 25
O. Harvey, Jr., 20 h	3 00	Randolph Darling, 20 h	3 00
Urbain Peters, driver on		Frank Draper, 20 h	3 00
scraper, 20 h	3 50	St. Andre, 38 loads gra-	
Urbain Peters, 2 horses		vel	1 90
on scraper, 20 h	6 00	O. Gurtin, 22 loads	
Henry Bancroft, 20 h	3 00	gravel	1 10
Henry Bancroft, 2 hor-		W. R. Wallis, tools	3 77
ses on scrapper,			
20 h	6 00		\$171 14

M. W. SOUTHWICK, District No. 8.

M. W. Southwick, 284 h	\$56 80	35 h	\$6 12
S. Hindon, 118½ h	17 77	M. Southwick, horse on	
C. Stearns, 124½ h	18 67	cart, 88 h	11 00
J. Otis, 20 h	3 00	L. Buffum, 17 loads	
H. Lambert, 37½	5 62	gravel	85
D. Dudley, horses on		C. Stearns, 9 loads	
cart, 106 h	21 20	gravel	45
D. Dudley, horses on		C. Maynard, 6 loads	
scraper, 35 h	10 50	gravel	30
F. Parker, horses on		H. Hindon, 38½ h	5 77
scraper, 35 h	10 50		
F. Parker, driving hor-			
ses on scraper			\$168 55

PALMER CONVERSE, District No. 9.

D. A. E. Wallis, 2 hor-		P. Converse, horse and	
ses and man, 30 h	\$10 50	cart, 69 h	\$8 63
D. A. E. Wallis, one		P. Converse, two horses	
horse and man,		and cart, 180½ h	36 10
15 h	4 13	George Seymour, 75½ h	11 33
Nelson Roberts, 30 h	4 50	Mike Ole, 35 h	5 25
Ralph Converse, 22 h	3 30	P. Converse, 264½ h	52 90
Willie Saplant, 10 h	1 25		
Albert Bray, 15 h	2 25		\$254 85
F. M. Draper, 202 h	30 30		
Frank Smith, 3½ h	1 00		
John Vergin, 28½	4 28		
Philip Druley, horse			
and man, 10 h	2 75		
W. E. Carpenter, 80 h	16 00		
W. E. Carpenter horse			
and cart, 125 h	15 63		
Randolph Darling, 125 h	18 75		
Napoleon Bruno, 13 h	1 95		
Wesley Gow, 5 h	75		
Joseph Delcose, 20 h	3 00		
John Hizson, 20 h	3 00		
W. E. Carpenter, 45 h	6 75		
W. Bruley, 15 h	2 25		
George Valier, 20 h	3 00		
George Conrad, 30 h	4 50		
Mrs. Thayer, 16 loads			
gravel	80		

WORK IN DISTRICT NO. 3.

ORDER OF SELECTMEN.

P. Converse, 53 h	10 60
Mike Ole, 31 h	4 65
George Seymour, 25 h	3 75
P. Converse, two horses	
and cart, 53 h	10 60
	\$29 60

WORK ON SIDEWALK.

P. Converse, 5 h	1 00
P. Converse, 2 horses	
and cart, 5 h	1 00
George Seymour, 5 h	75
	\$2 75

H. C. METCALE, District No. 10.

H. C. Metcalf, 50 h	\$10 00	G. Pellicy, 10 h	\$1 50
horse and cart, 50 h	6 25	G. Buffum, 10 h	1 50
A. L. Metcalf, 50 h	7 50	F. Correll, 2 horses and	
C. Bennett, 30 h	4 50	cart, 20 h	5 00
2 horses and cart, 30 h	7 50	1 man, 15 h	2 25
C. Gezzett, 30 h	4 50	R. Bruley, sewer lower	
A. Brown, 25 h	3 75	village	46 63
R. Darling, 25 h	3 75	Waldo Bros., pipe	18 87
W. Herrendeen, 20 h	3 00		
F. Chappell, 27 h	4 05		
horse and cart, 7 h	87		
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			\$128 42

I have examined the foregoing reports of Highway Surveyors and find them to be correct.

D. P. WOOD, *Auditor.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1908.



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1908.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. N. JENCKES.....	Term expires	March 1,	1908
FRANK E. JONES.....	"	"	1908
LUCIUS J. MARSH.....	"	"	1908
CHARLES BENNETT.....	"	"	1909
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.....	"	"	1909
T. H. MEEK.....	"	"	1909
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER...	"	"	1910
WILLIAM L. CHURCH.....	"	"	1910
WILLIE MANAHAN.....	"	"	1910

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

L. J. MARSH

FRANK E. JONES

G. W. ROWLEY

PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

TRUANT OFFICER

A. B. SIMMONS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1907-08

FALL TERM

High school opened September 9, 1907. Elementary schools opened September 16. All schools closed December 20.

WINTER TERM

High school opened December 31, closing March 20, 1908. Elementary schools opened January 6, closing March 13.

SPRING TERM, RECOMMENDED

All schools open March 30. Elementary schools close June 19. High school close June 26.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

Elementary schools 36 weeks. High school 40 weeks.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 a. m. indicate "no school" for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 12.15 p. m. indicate "no school" for the afternoon session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for public schools and for transportation of pupils	\$5,500 00
Books and supplies	400 00
For superintendent	300 00
“ “ 1905, (credit not taken)	300 00
For school physician	50 00
For repair of school houses	200 00
Town school fund	56 48
“ “ “ 1905, (credit not taken)	56 48
State school fund	847 49
“ “ “ 1906 balance, (credit not taken)	125 00
State for superintendent	500 00
Balance unexpended last year	502 05
	\$8,837 50

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	\$4,752 00
Janitors	618 25
Superintendent	660 00
Transportation	450 00
Fuel	797 62

Books and supplies.....	\$394 02	
Outstanding bills of last		
year.....	62 63	
	<hr/>	\$456 65
Repairs		153 92
General expenses		381 36
School physician.....		50 00
	<hr/>	\$8,319 80
Balance unexpended.....		<hr/> \$517 70

LUCIUS J. MARSH,
FRANK E. JONES,
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

Superintendent's Report.

THE BOYS OF AMERICA.

What we have a right to expect from the American boy is that he shall turn out to be a good American man. Now, the chances are strong that he won't be much of a man unless he is a good deal of a boy. He must not be a coward or a weakling, a bully, a shirk, or a prig. He must work hard and play hard. He must be clean-minded and clean-lived, and able to hold his own under all circumstances and against all comers. It is only on these conditions that he will grow into the kind of a man of whom America can really be proud. In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is—hit the line hard! Don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line hard!—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

To the School Committee, Douglas, Massachusetts :

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following as my annual report for the year ending March 1, 1908.

The usual number of changes in the teaching force have occurred during the past year but we have also been as usual fortunate in filling vacancies in all cases.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE.

Resignations—Miss Matilda Burghardt, Grammar School; Miss Helena Wixtead, Grade V; Miss Blanche Gordon, Grade I; Miss Marion MacCullum.

Transfers—Miss Louise Doherty, from Old Douglas to Grammar School.

Elections—Miss Edith M. Fogg, as assistant in High School; *Miss Morrison, as teacher in Grade V; Miss Marjorie Doherty, grade V; Miss Blanche Blackburn, Grade I; *Miss Edith Partridge, South Douglas; Miss M. B. Brown, Old Douglas.

During the last part of Winter term, Miss Mabel Manahan was given a leave of absence and Miss Alma Quintal served as temporary substitute.

*Miss Partridge finished her work in South Douglas at the close of the Winter term.

*Miss Morrison was with us only a little time.

GRADES AND GRADE COMBINATIONS.

GRADES.	SEPT.	FEB.	TEACHERS.
1	54	47	Miss Blackburn.
2	31	31	Miss Johnson.
3	33	35	
4b	11	10	Miss Abbott.
4a	12	11	} Miss M. E. Doherty.
5	36	33	
6	26	25	Miss Buffington.
7	26	24	} Miss L. M. Doherty.
8	20	16	
High	31	27	{ Mr. Brackett. Miss Fogg.
So. Douglas	19	14	Miss Partridge.
West Douglas	17	17	Miss Manahan.
Old Douglas	22	24	Miss Brown.
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The following arrangement of grades is submitted for the purpose of bringing to your attention a condition which is unsound, untruable and bound to work ultimate harm and injustice.

(1) Two teachers have a grade and a half each, vis. 3-4, and 4-5. These two teachers each drew fifty cents more a week, a mere

pittance as compared with the work one grade of same number of pupils. (2) Two teachers have particularly small schools, grades 2 and 6. These two had large schools last year, salary same in both years. (3) One teacher, grade 1, has had an abnormally large school.

The question naturally arises, why not unite a part of some large with one of a small grade in all cases as has been done in the two cases mentioned. Simply because a precedent has been established whereby a teacher who is given a grade and a half is advanced a little in salary over the others.

As a consequent it is unjust to ask any teacher to take in addition, work without giving them additional pay, a power that your Superintendent does not possess.

The situation is, therefore, peculiar and dangerous and needs adjusting. A teacher this year may have 25 pupils and next year have 55 but there is no way to fix either situation:—This is wrong.

Your Superintendent makes the following recommendations:

1. That all teachers be experienced or Normal trained as far as possible.
2. That the present schedule be abolished in June and the following substituted:
All new teachers be given \$9.00 per week for the first year; the salary of the second year be \$10.00 and of the third year and after \$11.00
3. That the present corps of teachers be arranged according to this plan.
4. That in engaging teachers the work shall not be exactly stipulated as to number and name of grade and that a teacher be required to teach anywhere in the group in which she works, viz. Primary or Grammar.
5. That this arrangement be not applied to advanced grammar grade teachers only when she takes one grade.

The foregoing plan will reward the service of old teachers.

- (1) Since we have none but that work well. (2) It will tend to

hold our new teachers, since it offers an increase of salary for three years. (3) The sum total of salaries as well as the average salary per teacher will be no more than in the past, owing to combination of grades and reduction of first year work.

HIGH SCHOOL AND CHANGE OF GRADE.

At the commencement of the fall term, it was decided to place the 9th grade (so called) in with the High School and to secure an assistant for Mr. Brackett. The purpose of this arrangement was an ultimate union of the 9th grade with High School proper.

Some three years ago when 9th grade pupils began to ask for advance work, it was indicative that, if the same improvement in the quality of the grade work was continued, it was only a matter of time when the grade work would reduce itself to 8 years and the 9th grade would be doing first year High School work. This was just what occurred in September. The 9th grade were taking Latin, Algebra, Physiology, History, Advanced English and review of Geography, the latter being superfluous as they had already completed the subject of Geography.

That is how the 9th grade had practically become Freshmen in High School, had passed all the tests and examinations without being conscious of it.

This matter of grades therefore is laid before you as a report of what we have done to the end that this policy be continued, and the work of the Elementary School be attempted in eight years. For a continuance of this subject on the High School side, I refer you to Mr. Brackett's report.

Table A. Douglas Public Schools.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary per week	No. of weeks in year	Total enrollment	Total membership	Average membership per year	Average attendance per year	Per cent. attendance for year	Tardinesses for year	Dismissals for year	No. not absent for year	No. not tardy for year	No. not absent or tardy for year	Visitors
High		J. F. Brackett.....	Bates College	\$25.00	40	18	18	16	15	92	191	42	1	5	1	11
Grammar ...	IX	"	"	25.00	36	13	13	11	10	93	13	120	1	2	1	11
"	VII-VIII	M. C. Burghardt.....	Stockbridge High...	12.00	36	50	51	43	37	88	228	203	0	0	0	29
Intermediate	VI	E. L. Buffington.....	Douglas High.....	10.00	36	39	41	33	30	91	70	104	0	4	0	40
"	V-IV	K. Helena Wixthead..	Douglas High.....	10.50	36	46	46	38	34	90	56	46	0	14	0	28
Primary	IV-III	Edith Abbott.....	Douglas High.....	10.50	36	42	44	40	37	93	80	39	0	11	0	29
"	I	Etta H. Johnson.....	Douglas High.....	10.00	36	34	35	30	28	94	36	8	0	17	0	55
"	I	Blanche E. Gordon...	Farrington Nor....	10.00	36	53	50	40	33	83	118	28	0	19	0	40
Douglas	Mixed	M. Louise Doherty...	Tufts College.....	10.00	36	22	22	17	17	77	40	7	0	5	0	41
So. Douglas.	"	Marion M. MacCullom	Provincial Nor., N.S.	10.00	36	22	22	17	13	74	31	20	0	3	0	40
W. Douglas.	"	Mabel Manahan.....	Douglas High.....	10.00	36	15	15	14	73	88	36	0	0	0	0	20
					400	354	359	299	327	86	949	617	2	88	2	344

Table B. Douglas Public Schools.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Total enrollment	Av. membership	Av. attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Absences	Tardinesses	Dismissals	Visitors
High		J. F. Brackett.	Bates College	36	32	30	93.	157	56	15	7
Grammar . . .	VII-VIII	Edith Abbott Fogg. . . .	Boston University. . .								
Intermediate	VI	M. Louise Doherty. . . .	Tufts College.	45	41	38	93.	270	43	16	10
	V	E. L. Buffington	Douglas High.	26	24	23	93.	107	16	149	13
	V-IV	K. Helena Wixtead. . . .	Douglas High.	47	45	41	91.4	280	22	15	2
Primary.	IV-III	Edith Abbott.	Douglas High.	45	44	41	92.8	212	38	22	10
"	II	Etta A. Johnson.	Douglas High.	36	32	30	93.	136	22	46	
"	I	Blanche L. Blackburn. . .	Woburn High.	54	49	44	90.	358	20	11	9
Douglas	Mixed	M. Bell Brown.	Farmington Normal	25	25	23	93.5	128	6	9	19
So. Douglas.	"	Ethel Partridge.	Truro Normal.	18	15	13	86.	236	88	7	
W. Douglas.	"	Mabel Manahan	Douglas High.	15	15	14	89.	103	0	0	17
				347	302	298	91.8	987	311	281	87

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

During the past year we have been especially free from epidemics, so that it is difficult to tell just how much good the new law for medical inspection has done during its first year of its operation. But there are certain things that indicate more wholesome conditions. Dr. Clark has been assiduous in his care of the sanitary condition of the building and has given several valuable talks to the teachers.

This plan of having a physician assigned to the building, whose duty should be to watch over the sanitary conditions, and instruct and advise the teachers what to do in cases of emergency; also, as to the manner of detecting contagious diseases is certainly a good one and will have a tendency to promote cleanliness in the buildings on the part of the children—both as to the person and surroundings; and would also tend to make the teachers more watchful—not only for the first symptoms of contagious diseases but for general wholesome conditions.

I believe that proper medical inspection, from time to time, will train the children and all others concerned to better hygienic conditions. I believe that it is just as much a part of the general education of a child to-day to teach them proper hygienic habits as it is to teach them the so-called three R's.

I quote the following from a recent report regarding medical inspection in schools of the State :

“The system does not lesssen the responsibility of the parent or tend to weaken or supersede the home. Under medical inspection, absolutely nothing is done for the parent but to tell him of needs of his child, of which he would otherwise have been in ignorance. It leaves it to him to meet those needs.

There is a mass of evidence showing conclusively the following things:

(1) That the schools are a principal means of disseminating disease throughout the community.

(2) *One of the reasons why the above is true:* That children go to school with light cases of measles, scarlet fever and diphther-

ia, and return to school while still in a condition to transmit disease.

(3) That medical inspection can largely prevent the dissemination of disease in the schools.

(4) That children also go to school while suffering from severe non-contagious diseases, and can be greatly benefited by medical inspection, resulting in notification of parents in such cases."

THE EYE AND EAR TEST.

According to the requirements of the State, the hearing and sight of the children were tested during the past year with the following results:

Whole number tested	226
Number found with defective sight	70
Number found with defective hearing	14
Number of parents notified	75

Aside from the fact that these yearly tests serve to keep the parent posted as to the condition of the children in this respect, a far greater result is being reached in bringing to the mind of the teacher certain defects of sight or hearing, which heretofore were not thought of, and which were mistaken for dullness or stupidity. I have no doubt that, in years past, certain children were pronounced dull or stupid, when dullness lay only in the fact that they could not see the board or hear the instructor; and so, became listless and disinterested. Oftentimes a change of seat nearer the work, or away from the glaring light, will remedy a slight defect, prevent a more serious one—and remove dullness. All this is being brought about by the yearly sight and hearing test.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

I desire to call attention to the condition of the supply arrangement and its relation to changing conditions of the schools.

We have at present appropriated \$400 for supplies. This is supposed to cover the following things:

1. Miscellaneous supplies not included in Book and School supplies, such as mats, soap, towels and toilet paper, etc.
2. Books and School supplies proper.
3. Special appropriation for apparatus in High School: Four hundred dollars can not do it and give adequate material for the schools to use.

We need (1) \$400 for "Books and Supplies," and (2) \$100 for special apparatus for the High School, if the High School is to be kept up to the standard it is now aiming for.

The general supplies such as mats, maps and other kindred materials that belong to the equipment of a building, should come out of an incidental fund, not out of "Books and Supplies."

THE COMING EDUCATION.

The coming education is to be that of the hand and eye as well as the brain. The general trend of affairs is towards this end. We have ceased to regard mental development and the knowledge of the three R's sufficient. There is a cry for skill—for such training as will not only develop a boy mentally but will train his hand and eye to be skillful.

Modern life, with its complex civilization, its specialized industries, is demanding not only an education, which shall be broader than formerly but which shall emphasize the factors that characterize our modern life—industry.

Very little has been done toward specialized training in our town up to the present time. Last year I brought this subject to your notice under the title of "Industrial Training." This year I am bringing it before you again with more emphasis and definiteness.

We have made some attempt at hand training in the lower grades the past year by means of various industrial lines. At the present time an attempt is being made to extend this throughout

the grades by arranging a course in industrial work and having three or four periods a week devoted to it.

Such work might consist of paper cutting, folding and weaving in the primary grades, Raffia work in basketry, whittling and sewing in the intermediate grades, and extended manual training and bench work, with sewing for the girls, in the grammar grades.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS S. BRICK,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. F. S. Brick, Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR SIR:

I herewith respectfully submit my third report as principal of the High school.

I feel that we have made a step in the right direction now that we have an assistant in the High school. Our course has been broadened; our work strengthened. The quality of work is better and the quantity is more varied; an opportunity is offered for a choice of two courses where only one was possible before.

The 9th grade is now enrolled as a regular High school class and is doing freshman work, viz: Latin, Algebra, Rhetoric, Physiology and Arithmetic, besides Themes and Oratoricals.

The reading course has been broadened and closer touch with the public library has been secured than ever before.

There is need of encouraging the parents to give their boys a High school education. At present the enrollment is 30, whereas it ought to be 45 at least.

The great majority of pupils are taking home work nights and doing all the way from one to three hours of home work a day.

Through your kindness—the giving up of your office for a laboratory, we are able to do far more satisfactory work in experimental Physics and Chemistry than before.

I wish to thank the school board and you for the support and help which you have given us in the past year.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. BRACKETT.

East Douglas, Mass.,
Mar. 1, 1908.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the School Committee of the Town of Douglas.

I submit the following report of the work done in music.

First, with few exceptions, the pupils *enjoy* the work and *manifest musical ability*.

In cases where the pupils *cannot* sing, they master the technical part of the grade work required.

The prescribed course has been carried out by all the grades. Some of them being able to accomplish the work in less time than last year, which fact, we attribute largely to their thoroughness in last year's drill, making them able to grasp the work in a more comprehensive manner.

Three part work is being carried on from the sixth grade up, with a good degree of success.

I feel that better results might have been attained if we could have had more music for the higher grades.

We used *last year* as well as *this*, music which was borrowed from the Uxbridge schools, which of course lessened our expenses. I would like to emphasize the fact that we need some more supplies in order to do the best work the grades are equal to.

I am convinced that this line of work meets the needs of the pupils and cannot fail to raise the standard of work if continued.

Thanking the superintendent, principal and teachers for their hearty co-operation and interest in the work, I am,

Respectfully,

ADDIE L. SWEET,

Supervisor of Music.

February 29, 1908.

Report of School Committee.

The Committee and Superintendent have held monthly meetings as in the preceding year.

Repairs on school buildings consisted of repairing the vaults and chimneys on the High school building. Next year there will be some needed repairing to be done on the school buildings at Old Douglas and South Douglas.

The calendar of the school year was practically the same as last year.

At a meeting of the joint Committee held at Uxbridge, it was voted to give Mr. Brick a leave of absence until January 1, 1908, provided he would be here at the opening of the schools in September and supplied some one as acting Superintendent. Mr. Brackett served us in Mr. Brick's absence.

Your Committee has given the High school a good deal of attention the past year.

The State provides by law that a town of less than five hundred families which maintains a high school, the courses of which are in accord with State requirements, having two or more instructors, shall be aided to the extent of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), in maintaining of such High school. The State census shows that the town of Douglas has less than five hundred families.

In September an assistant was hired for the Douglas High school. The belief is that the work of the school has been greatly improved. A visit from the State Agent is promised at once. A recommendation is looked for as a result of this visit.

The school at South Douglas has been closed since February 24th, because of whooping-cough.

The Committee recommend that the school open March 16th, and close June 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS J. MARSH,	} <i>Superintending Committee.</i>
FRANK E. JONES,	
GILBERT W. ROWLEY,	

